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Applicant : Raul Raudales

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Title : VEGETABLE PRODUCT DRYING

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT B

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 3, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A dryer for drying vegetable product[, such as coffee beans,] comprising:
 - a thermal collector constructed and arranged to convert solar energy to heat energy;
 - a heat transfer system;
 - a housing having a drying chamber; and
 - wherein said heat transfer system is in thermal communication with both said thermal collector and said drying chamber such that heat is able to move from said thermal collector to said drying chamber.

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